

News Review

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Council Considers Funding Lights at Middle School Fields

by Diane Oberg

At its September 14 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council discussed ballfield improvements and other capital projects, learned of a possible sale of land at the Greenbelt Metro station and got an introduction to a proposal for a new finance computer system.

Ballfield Lights

Although council does not normally discuss ordinances up for first reading, an item not included in the proposed capital projects ordinance led to lengthy discussion and amendment of the ordinance prior to its introduction.

The changes, the result of an agenda item requested by Councilmember Edward Putens, was taken up just before the proposed legislation. In written comments sent to City Manager Michael McLaughlin in advance of the meeting, Putens questioned why Kelly Ivy, of the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club, had been told that the second batting cage at Braden Field requested by Ivy, had not been funded by council. Although funds had not been provided, Putens argued that council

had not officially decided not to fund the cages. This technical distinction soon became moot, however. Councilmember Thomas White, although making clear that he thought Putens' ar-

In the end Council stayed with its original proposal—to light the ballfield at Greenbelt Middle School.

gument invalid, proposed reducing the allocation for ballfield lights in order to provide funding for the estimated \$3,000 cost of the cage. This estimate, down significantly from McLaughlin's \$5,000 estimate, was provided by Ivy, who said it was based upon information from the Public Works Department. Council unanimously approved this change. The second issue was ballfield lights. In a worksession on the capital improvements budget, council had agreed to allocate \$80,000 for ballfield lights at Greenbelt Middle School. This funding is contingent upon the city and the school board

working out an agreement on use and maintenance of the school baseball diamond. Earlier this year, Ivy had presented petitions for a lighted 90-foot ballfield, preferably at Braden Field. Putens asked that the decision to place the lights at the Middle School be deferred until a public hearing could be held regarding whether lights should be placed there or at Braden Field.

White and Roberts recalled that the councilmembers had unanimously agreed to seek an agreement to light the Middle School field. (Putens had left the worksession early due to a family emergency.) Roberts saw no need for a public hearing. The Springhill Lake community, he said, is severely underserved for recreational facilities. Lighting the middle school fields will help address this imbalance, provide facilities for use by the entire city and add to use of the school. Mayor Judith Davis noted that Superintendent of Schools Jerome Clark had indicated interest in the city's proposal for a shared use agreement, See LIGHTS, page 9

Parkside Pros and Cons Debated Before Council

by Al Geiger

The request by Parkside at Greenbelt to be annexed by the City of Greenbelt was debated at an official hearing on the evening of September 10. Because of an error in the September 17 News Review concerning the costs of providing services versus the revenues generated, and the need for more information, a vote on the annexation, originally scheduled for the September 14 regular council meeting, has been postponed until September 28.

Parkside is a 31-home development on Good Luck Road built in a "notch" in the south side of Greenbelt Park. The park itself is within the corporate limits of Greenbelt. The notch was privately owned property not acquired by the federal government when the park was originally purchased.

When Mayor Judith Davis asked council members for opening remarks, Councilmember Alan Turnbull cited the principle of caveat emptor — let the buyer beware — and said this principle applies equally to the home purchasers and the city council that

is being asked to buy a new neighborhood. Mayor Davis said, "We, the city council, must look at the problem in a very practical, perhaps a fiscal or financial way."

Most of the debate centered around the distance of Parkside from the core of Greenbelt. It is approximately 3.4 miles from the city's public works complex and two miles from Hanover Parkway. Opponents of annexation said that the request should be rejected, citing the distances and time needed to provide normal city services. This would cause services to the rest of the city to be diluted, they said. Proponents cited city estimates that the revenues generated would exceed the cost of providing services by approximately \$15,000. This surplus, they said, should more than compensate for the extra time and equipment wear and tear. They also said they intended to keep their own trash collection contractor; that being a cul-de-sac, they had a low crime potential; that all houses have sprinkler systems and smoke alarms; and that they fully expect to be last for snow removal.

See PARKSIDE, page 12

Local Theater May Close Its Doors in December

by Altoria Bell Ross

The P & G Old Greenbelt Theater will close its doors in December if it does not get help in three areas, said its owner at the Greenbelt City Council worksession on September 9.

"We got a little jewel here," said Paul Sanchez, owner of the theater. "It would be sad to see it go." First, Sanchez said, the city could help by increasing the accessibility and visibility of the theater.

"The real problem is the theater is hard to find and hard to see because of trees," said Sanchez.

The city is replacing these trees with less dense ones, and Mayor Judith Davis emphasized the city's plans to reconstruct the Greenbelt marquee outside of the theater, so it might be seen.

"We are trying very hard to get people to come to the center," said Mayor Davis.

Another aid that might help people find the theater is a sign at the corner of Southway and

Greenbelt Road, announcing the Greenbelt Historic District, said Councilmember Alan Turnbull.

City Clerk David Moran said this project was attempted in 1985, but was shelved because the state highway does not want signs on its right of way which is at that intersection.

Second, Sanchez said the city could eliminate or reduce the 10 percent admissions and amusement tax.

City Attorney Robert Manzi said that under the state code, it is possible for the city to grant the theater a tax credit due to its historic nature. Mayor Davis asked Manzi to follow up on the procedure.

Third, Sanchez said the city could sponsor a film festival.

"It would be nice to have that sort of film in a theater that authentic," said Sanchez, who also said he had a high attendance for "Casablanca."

Mayor Davis suggested he show old movies in double

See THEATER, page 5



Spanish students meet City Council.

- photo by Susan Newton

Spanish Students Visit Greenbelt

by Susan Newton

During the month of August, Greenbelters may have noticed an influx of Spanish teenagers. They were shopping in the Co-op, renting videos, and going to the "cinema." The 10 students in Greenbelt were part of a group visiting Maryland and northern Virginia through the EF Educational Homestay Programs. Hopi Auerbach was responsible for placing the students with local families.

The students enjoyed activities both in groups and with their host families. At the beginning of the visit, the hosts and students had an opportunity to meet one another at a pizza party given

by Marsha Barrett. Judy Nelson and Suzi Newton provided a good old-fashioned American cook-out complete with musical entertainment by Tod Sukontarak and friends.

Keith Jahoda organized a trip to Washington, DC for his student, Juan and several of the other teens. Marsha Barrett and Hopi braved a trip to Baltimore with the group. Planet Hollywood was the number one attraction.

The Greenbelt hosts took their students to Atlantic City, New York City, the beaches, and amusement parks. But the students seemed to enjoy Greenbelt the most. They were able to

walk to stores and the library and to visit each other. They were all from different cities in Spain and had not known one another before. Here they made new friends, both American and Spanish, and vowed to stay in touch.

At the City Council meeting on August 17, the exchange students and hosts were recognized by council members. The students were presented with small gifts. Host families from other communities were invited to attend.

On the morning of August 24, the sleepy group boarded buses at the Community Center as the first step in their long journey back to Spain.

What Goes On

Sat., Sept. 26, 1 p.m. Tree Dedication & Plaque Unveiling in Memory of Tony and Ann Pisano near Adult Care Center/Community Center.

1:30 p.m. Annual Senior Forum, Community Center

Mon., Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, Community Center

8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Thurs., Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m. GHI Board of Directors meeting, Hamilton Place

8 p.m. Four Cities Meeting, Municipal Building.

Letters to the Editor

Alarmed at Burden

If the Greenbelt City Council should vote to annex Parkside, we would take from Prince George's County the burden of police response to the home burglar alarms in Parkside. Twenty-five of the 31 houses there have signs indicating the presence of those alarms.

False alarms are such a problem in Prince George's County that the Police Department has established a "False Alarm Reduction Unit." Charlynn Flaherty, the director of that Unit, has estimated that 98% of alarms are false. This amounts to 89,000 false alarms in Prince George's County each year.

Prince George's County tries to reduce false burglar alarms by requiring the registration of home alarm systems; requiring, after the sixth false alarm in 365 days, the recertification or upgrading of the system by a qualified technician; and levying fines for excessive false alarms. The fines are \$50 each for the 4th, 5th, and 6th false alarm; \$100 each for the 7th, 8th, and 9th false alarm; \$150 each for the 10th, 11th, and 12th false alarm; and \$200 each for the 13th or greater false alarm in 365 days.

By contrast, Greenbelt has no means to reduce residential false burglar alarms. According to Mike Jeffreys, the Code Enforcement Officer in our Police Department, Greenbelt does not require the registration of home alarm systems and levies no fines for false residential burglar alarms.

It doesn't make sense for us to undertake the burden of Parkside, which is 3.4 miles from our police station and has 25 houses equipped with problematic alarm systems. Do we want our police racing down there to chase false alarms? Our resources are stretched to the limit as it is.

Robert J. Lewis

Guard, Don't Breach

I must apologize publicly for being too nice at the Parkside hearing. I praised a well-built trail that could have been illegal, said nice things about houses that should not be there, and held out the hope that someday, over a long period of time, the Parkside residents would build clout enough to become part of Greenbelt. I did not mean for half of the council to accept their promises as accomplishments, or their organizational ability as proof that they are already Greenbelters.

Frankly, they are more like Californians, moving into earthquake zones with no cares, or like smokers that ignore the risks to their and others' health. They are not ready to become part of Greenbelt, Riverdale, or their own community. The long term financial risk is too great. They see nothing wrong with "living inside a National Park." That would be fine if they were old-time settlers that predated the National Park. But a National Park is too special a place to have so many inliers. I'm sure that the Parkside residents would see nothing wrong in selling out

more slots around the edges of GNP so that others could enjoy the dwindling resource that their properties threaten. Greenbelters know the problems of decimated forests, and are working to rebuild interior forest habitats, not become part of the edges that push the interior forest further back.

Yes, Mr. White, our southern boundary needs to be guarded, but not breached. The council that accepts their insufficient mudponds during a drought is doomed to be washed away when the rains pour down on Parkside. I don't want to have to pay for it.

Douglas L. Love

Thanks

Cadette Troop 3030 would like to give special thanks to PetsMart and the manager Jim Stewart for the generous donation of four \$25 gift certificates for the Labor Day Festival pet show and allowing us to purchase our prizes at a discount at the store. We appreciate your generosity towards this special event in our community.

Girl Scout Troop 3030

A Great Big Thanks!

Many, many thanks to all of the wonderful entertainers who graced the stage at this year's Labor Day Festival. How fortunate we are in Greenbelt to have some of the area's finest performers provide us with entertainment all weekend. It is truly their gift to us!

Thanks also to the Festivalgoers who listened, clapped, shimmied, and shook to all of the great entertainment throughout the weekend. It was evident that everyone had a grand time!

A very, very special thanks to Kenny Voigt and Kathy Forminaya for keeping things going all weekend — you're extraordinary!!

Patti Brothers
Vice President for Entertainment and Stage
Greenbelt Labor Day
Festival Committee

General Election Voter Registration

County residents who are not registered to vote must do so September 28 through October 5 in order to vote in the upcoming General Election.

According to Prince George's County Board of Election Supervisors, "Registration is permanent as long as the voter remains a resident of the county and keeps current with the Supervisor of Elections."

To register by mail, residents may call 301-627-2814 anytime and leave their name, address and telephone number. A form will be mailed within three days. Mail registration applications also may be obtained at any post office, library, municipal office, MVA, school or social service office in the county. Fill out the form and return to the Board of Elections.

The hearing impaired should call TDD 301-627-3352 Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Persons registering (1) must be citizens of the U.S., 18 years old on or before the next general election and a resident of the county, (2) must not have been "convicted more than once of an infamous crime, and not currently under a sentence imposed pursuant to a conviction of an infamous crime;" and (3) are "not under guardianship for mental disability."

Call the Election office at 301-952-3270 with questions.

Boy Scouts Have Popcorn Fundraiser

It's that time of year again for the annual Boy Scout Fall Popcorn Fund Raiser through Nov. 29. The National Capital Area Council and the local boy scout troops, cub scout packs & explorer posts keep 68% of the funds collected.

So, please look for local scouts and help them make this a successful year. Those who wish to purchase popcorn and can't locate a local scout, please contact the National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, 9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814-3897 or call Dan Watkins at 301-214-9131.

Nominations of MD Women Sought

The Maryland Commission for Women and the Women Legislators of Maryland are seeking recommendations of outstanding Maryland women from the state for induction into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame.

Established in 1958 by the Maryland Commission for Women and the Women Legislators of Maryland, the Hall of Fame honors Maryland women who have made unique and lasting contributions to the economic, political, cultural and social life of the state and who can serve as role models for tomorrow's female leaders. Organizations and individuals are invited to nominate women for this honor.

Women nominated for the Hall of Fame must have made a contribution that extends beyond the community level. The contribution may be in a particular discipline or to the people of the State of Maryland in general. In addition, nominees must be native-born Marylanders, have resided in the state a significant time or currently live in the state. If deceased, nominees must be native-born Marylanders or have lived a significant portion of their lives in the state.

Current members of the Maryland General Assembly and the

Planetarium Opens For Fall Season

The Planetarium at the Howard B. Owens Science Center will open the fall season with the program Stars Alive, a live tour of the star-filled skies, on Friday, October 2, at 7:30 p.m. Learn to identify stars and constellations. Discover interesting facts and figures behind the stars. See spectacular photographs from NASA space missions to Mars and Jupiter. This informative family entertainment is suitable for all ages.

Stars Alive will also be shown at 7:30 p.m. on the following Fridays: October 9, 16, 30; November 6, 13, 20; December 4, 11; January 8, 22. There is a small fee, with a reduced fee for seniors and students.

The Planetarium is located at 9601 Greenbelt Road, behind DuVal High School. For information, call 301-918-8750.

Maryland Commission for Women are ineligible for nomination.

The Maryland Commission for Women must receive all nominations by October 19. Please call the Commission office at 410-767-7137 for nomination forms and for more information.



Greenbelt Municipal Access TV Channel B-10 Schedule

Monday, September 28

City Council Meeting "live"

Tuesday Sept. 29 and Thursday, Oct. 1

6:00 p.m. "Miss Greenbelt Pageant 1998"

8:30 p.m. "Replay of City Council meeting of 9/28"

Wednesday, September 30th GATE programming

The city's Public Access group presents programming on Wednesdays. For information please call 301-507-6581.

7:00 p.m. "Children's Art Show"

7:30 p.m. "Labor Day Art Show Awards Presentation"

8:00 p.m. "Greenbelt Horizons w/Commander James Welsh"

8:15 p.m. American Legion 60th Anniversary Program"

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee's

ANNUAL OPEN FORUM COMMUNITY CENTER

Multi Purpose Room
Saturday, 9/26
1:30 - 3:30

Voice Your Concerns
Refreshments

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

Can it be the end of September already? The meeting on Wednesday, September 30 at 11 a.m. will feature Lenwood M. Freeman, Social Security Field Representative, as the speaker. Come with questions in hand.

Although the September 17 issue of the News Review reported a "Ho-hum Day at the Polls," inside the paper there were many interesting items including the City's Annual Report, an article on the Labor Day Festival's musical groups, another on the Art Show with pictures of the winners and an informative report on "The Senior University" at the University of Maryland scheduled to open in October. Congratulations to all who give so much of themselves at the News Review Office.

The Travel Committee has been able to put together a "Van Gogh" package for October and November. On Tuesday, October 18, there will be a trip to the National Geographic lecture and slide show on the areas of Belgium and the Netherlands where Van Gogh did most of his work. Then in November, Goldenagers will travel to see the Van Gogh display at the National Gallery. Thanks to the various members who went along with John Taylor to purchase tickets. Sounds wonderful! See the Travel Committee at the meetings to sign up.

At the September birthday celebration, 23 names were read although not all the people were present. The food was great and Don Davis won the birthday prize.

An excerpt from Skip Odom's invocation reads "May the clouds in your life only form a background for a glorious sunset."

Phelan to Speak about Rose Gardens

On Friday, October 2, Explorations Unlimited will present Bill Phelan, Greenbelt's horticulturist, who will speak on Planting a Rose Garden. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is wel-

Flu Shots at Co-op

Flu shots will be given at the Co-op Supermarket/Pharmacy on Friday, October 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. The shots will be given to those age 18 or older by a V.N.A. registered nurse for a \$15 fee. All proceeds go to the Visiting Nurses Association. For details call the Pharmacy at 301-474-4400.

come, and questions are always encouraged.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1-3 p.m. at the Community Center. For information, call 301-397-2208.

Barnes African Film to Show at New Deal

On Saturday evening at 8 p.m., a 51-minute documentary about Alexander E. Barnes, Jr., will be shown at the New Deal Cafe. This video was edited by his brother David from hours of taping he did at the site. David, who is an assistant producer for Prince George's Cable TV writes: "From December 19, 1997 to January 8, 1998, I traveled to the East African country Tanzania to visit my brother, Alexander Barnes, who is a Peace Corps volunteer. I visited the village of Nanyamba, where my brother lives and teaches math and physics. The village has no telephones, electricity, running water, or toilets. Unlike most of the villagers, who live in mud and thatch homes, Alexander lives in

a one-story concrete house.

"During my visit, I videotaped a documentary with my brother giving a tour of the house he lives in and the school he teaches at. The video is titled Tupo, Tanzania, which translates to "we are here" from Kiswahili.

"Since his arrival in Nanyamba, Alexander has learned to adjust to a lifestyle without many of the modern conveniences we may take for granted. He constructed a system of gutters to collect rain water which he uses for washing, bathing and purifies for drinking. He has grown his own large vegetable garden. I hope you will enjoy this brief look at a culture that is completely different from our own."

At The Library

Children's Programs

Wednesday, September 30 - 7 p.m. P.J. Storytime for ages 4-6.

Thursday, October 1 - 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime. Puppets and Poems for ages 3-5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

Adult Programs

Saturday, October 3 - 10:30 a.m. Poetry Plus. A reading and discussion group.

GHI Notes

The Woodlands Committee will meet at 1 p.m. on Sunday, September 27 at the GHI offices to go on a trail survey.

The Marketing Committee meets September 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Board of Directors meets October 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Members are encouraged to attend these meetings.

Community Day At Goddard

Goddard Space Flight Center is hosting "Community Day" on Sunday, September 27. The Visitor Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the day. Buses offering special guided tours of Goddard will leave the Visitor Center from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tours will include the Spacecraft Systems Development and Integration Facility, Spacecraft Test and Integration Facility, the Goddard Fabrication Facility, the Hubble Space Telescope Control Center, and the NASA Communication Switching Center.

Family entertainment will be provided throughout the day including presentations, puppet shows, children's activities, model rocket launches, NASA projects showcase and much more. Join NASA's 40th Anniversary. All events are free. For more information call 301-286-3978.

The Goddard Space Flight Center is located on Soil Conservation Rd. off Greenbelt Rd.

Patchwork Project Needs Scraps

Children attending the After-School Drop-In Art Program at the Greenbelt Community Center will begin working with patchwork projects under the guidance of volunteer instructor Pearl Siegel. Donations are needed of fabric scraps. Scraps may be as small as four inches square and should be of cotton or a cotton blend material.

The After-School Drop-In Art Program is open every Tuesday and Wednesday (except for public school holidays) during the school year, from 3 to 6 p.m. Children ages 5 to 12 years may drop in during these hours to participate in a variety of art experiences. The program is under the direction of Barbara Simon, 301-474-2192, director of Children's Programs for the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts.

New Deal Cafe

Open Sat 7-11 pm Music 8:30 pm No cover

Friday, September 25

Open Mike

Come one, Come all

Saturday, September 26

Mike Hamilton and Company

CD release party

folk and bluegrass

Donations for Musicians Encouraged

Greenbelt Community Center

(301) 474-5642

Cub Pack 202 Meets

Cub Scout Pack 202 will hold a meeting Thursday, October 1 at 7 p.m. There will be games with prizes and parents' orientation for prospective, new and returning pack families. Handouts on pack events and discussion of Cub Scouting in general, the pack organization, pack committee, schedule of events, dens and uniformed leaders will be topics.

Cub Scouting is for boys in first through fifth grades. First graders join with an adult partner and usually meet twice a month. Second and third graders join as Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts and fourth and fifth graders as Webelos Cub Scouts and meet weekly. The entire Pack meets once a month on the first Thursday.

Free Concert Begins Season

The University of Maryland Symphony Orchestra will open its 1998-99 season with a free community concert on Friday, October 2 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. This year's season will feature renowned guest conductors from throughout the United States. Daniel Hege, associate conductor of the Baltimore Symphony, will open the season with Haydn's Symphony No. 83, Music for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet by Diamond, and Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition.

Admission is free, no tickets are required. For information call 301-405-1150 or e-mail to concerts@deans.umd.edu.



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL ROOM September 28, 1998 - 8:00 P.M.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations

(The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks () placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval)*

5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations
 - Introduction of Senior Administrative Assistant
 - Introduction of Recreation Coordinators

7. Petitions and Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council)

8. Minutes of Meetings
9. Administrative Reports
- * 10. Committee Reports

III. LEGISLATION

11. An Ordinance to Amend the Capital Projects Fund for Fiscal Year 1999
 - 2nd Reading and Adoption

12. A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland Enlarging the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland under the Provisions of Article 23A, Section 19, of the Annotated Code of the State of Maryland (1957 Edition and Amendments), by Annexing Certain Lands and Property Contiguous to and Adjoining the Existing Southern Corporate Boundary of the City, Being the Lands of Parkside Homeowners and Prince George's County, Maryland, and Dedicated Rights-of-Way of Crest Park Drive, Magnolia Hill Lane and Camillo Court, in Berwyn District 21, Prince George's County, Maryland, an Area of 7.70 Acres, More or Less, as More Fully Described in the Metes and Bounds Description Prepared by Light, Elliott & Associates, Inc.
 - 2nd Reading and Adoption

13. An Ordinance to Authorize and Empower the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Contract with NationsBank, N.A. to Borrow Not More than Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) for the Public Purpose of Acquiring Computer Hardware and Software for Financial Reporting Purposes Described Herein Pursuant to the Authority of Section 59, Contracts over One Year, of the City Charter

14. Resolution for Negotiated Purchase of Maintenance Contract
 - 1st Reading

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

15. Changes to Police Blotter
16. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Submission
17. Concession Stand at Attick Park (tentative)
18. Designation of Voting & Alternate Voting Delegates for National League of Cities (NLC) Convention
- * 19. Renewal of Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Lease

V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 am on the day of the meeting.

Check out the Greenbelt Citylink website at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us

David E. Moran, City Clerk

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25

There's Something About Mary (R)

Fri., Sat., (5:00 @ \$3.00) 7:30, 9:45

Sun., (5:00 @ \$3.00) 7:30

Mon., 7:30, (All seats \$3.00)

Tues. - Thurs. 7:30

<http://www.pgtheatres.com/>

Greenbelt Arts Center PRESENTS!

The Mousetrap

By: Agatha Christie

Directed By: Robert Thompson

Fri/Sat 9/18 - 10/10 @ 8:00 pm

Sundays 9/27 & 10/4 @ 2:00 pm

Tickets: \$10/7 (Students & Seniors)

The Greenbelt Arts Center 123 Centerway, Greenbelt MD.

(Next to Post Office)

Info/Reservations: 301-441-8770

Kjell Forsting, Executive Director of GATE - Dies

by Valerie Siegel

Kjell Forsting, international cable television pioneer and executive director of Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) died on September 16, 1998, in Salisbury, Maryland, following a Labor Day heart attack. He was 67.

Mr. Forsting was educated in his native Sweden and did doctoral work in mass media in the School of Public Relations and Communications at Boston University. He served as an expert in television direction and production for the United Nations in India and in Pakistan. For 25 years he was a director for Swedish Television in Stockholm, and in 1984, he established a cable television system throughout Sweden.

In 1986 Mr. Forsting came to Dundalk Community College in Baltimore as director of television and telecommunications. He earned the Achievement Award of the National Association of Counties for Public Health Nursing: Helping People Help Themselves, a program about the visiting nurses of Baltimore County. Three of his programs on Maryland correctional facilities were selected for the orientation of new members of the Maryland House of Delegates. He also produced videos and training programs for the Maryland Department of Economic Development, the Department of Human Resources, the Department of the Environment, and the Department of Public Safety. Mr. Forsting was also the recipient of a Governor's Citation and numerous other awards.

Mr. Forsting came to GATE in the Spring of 1997. He has assembled a state of the art production facility in the GATE studio at the Community Center. Early this year he set in motion his ambitious vision of public access television in our community. The television production course he designed and taught in the spring was well-attended and enthusiastically received. His students continue to be active in the GATE stu-

dio. This summer, he worked with the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) on the production of a children's animation program. Mr. Forsting produced three programs enabling GATE to begin public broadcasting on July 22. Additional programs were in production at the time of his death.

Mr. Forsting lived in Baltimore with his wife, Dr. Grace Clark, and their eleven year-old daughter Christine. He is also survived by adult children of a previous marriage. Visitors may call at Ruck-Towson Funeral Home, 1050 York Road on Thursday, 2 - 4 and 7 - 9 p.m. and for one hour preceding the 11 a.m. funeral on Friday, September 25, at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2100 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, where Mr. Forsting was an organist.

Beulah Land Concert At Mowatt Methodist

The Beulah Land Singers will be at Mowatt Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, on Saturday, Sept. 26. A pot luck supper will be held at 6 p.m. and the service begins at 7:30 p.m.

The group will also perform on Sunday, Sept. 27 at 11 a.m. The programs are open to the public.

Divorce Recovery Seminar Offered

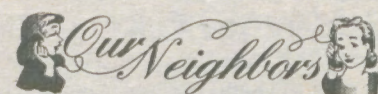
The Reverend Michael Koch, experienced divorce counselor, will present a Divorce Recovery Seminar at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, beginning September 28. Sponsored by the Lutheran Single Adults Committee, the eight-week series is slanted toward those who have been recently divorced or are in the divorce process. Participants are led to healing as they learn

about the divorce process, and share experiences with others.

The seminar at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road, begins on September 28, continuing for eight sessions on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. There is a minimal charge for materials. For further information and to register, please call Reverend Koch at 301-499-6222. For machine responses, please leave a message.

Pisano Tree to Be Dedicated Saturday

The Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee will hold a tree dedication ceremony for Tony and Ann Pisano on Saturday, September 26 at 1 p.m. This dedication will take place at the Pisano Tree which is located near the Adult Care Center's van parking lot. This dedication is to recognize and remember the Pisanos for their contributions to the city. The ceremony will be followed by refreshments in the multi-purpose room and the annual Senior Citizens Open Forum. Family, friends and acquaintances of Tony and Ann Pisano are encouraged to attend. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

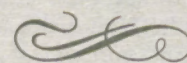


Greenbelters were sorry to hear of the death of Kjell Forsting, director of the city's GATE television program.

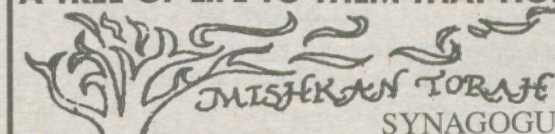
We extend our condolences to Ruth Bond on the recent death of her sister.

Our sympathy to Joe Murray of Ridge Road on the death of his brother, Edward Murray, of Chicago.

Sandi Dutton, of Beltsville, a member of the Greenbelt Auxiliary Unit #136, is one of 2,000 delegates, alternates and guests who attended the 78th annual American Legion Auxiliary National Convention, from September 5 through 10, at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel in New Orleans. She has been appointed Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary, the world's largest patriotic women's service organization. Previously, she was National Public Relations Chairman. An advertising marketing representative, she is a 27-year member of the Auxiliary and the wife of Richard Dutton, a Vietnam-era veteran.



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Comparison of Heating Options Ongoing at GHI

by Sue Krofchik

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) board of directors has resumed its schedule of meeting twice a month on the first and third Thursdays. The hottest topic on September 16, the heating options study, was received warmly by some and coolly by others. The agenda also included employee salary and benefit changes, the second quarter operating statement, and two member requests for exemptions.

Heating Options Study

One thing is certain. No decision has been made concerning the heating options study, and it will be a while before anything is. The written report by the engineering firm, Grotheer & Company, was summarized by director of physical plant Eldon Ralph.

The consultant evaluated six systems but recommended further consideration be given to only four. A work session will be held on Thursday, October 22, to continue discussions and to watch a video made last fall when one of the systems — the high velocity air handling unit with gas water heater — was installed in a frame home as a test case.

Two options would provide heat only; two others could provide both heating and air conditioning. Annual costs cited for each system are based on middle units with thermostats set at 70 degrees for heat (60 degrees at night) and 75 degrees for cooling (85 at night). The figures also include funding for replacement reserves and maintenance costs.

Heat Only

The first option is to upgrade the existing electric resistance baseboard system and electric hot water heaters. Baseboard heaters currently in place are undersized. They would be replaced by larger capacity units. The overall average initial cost would be about \$3,249, with annual costs of \$459 for heat and \$191 for hot water. This is the most economic option if only heat, and not cooling, is desired.

Hydronic radiant heat from a gas water heater is the second system producing only heat. Heaters looking like existing baseboard heaters would be activated by hot water. Piping for this water would be placed within the walls for frame and brick homes. Block homes would require the installation of bulkheads (an enclosure similar to soffits found in kitchens) and vertical enclosures to accommodate the piping. The average initial cost for this system would be \$6,364, with annual

costs of \$194 for heat and \$54 for hot water.

Heat and Air Conditioning

High velocity air handling units (AHU) with either a heat pump or gas water heater can provide both heat and air conditioning.

The AHU, about 3 feet by 3 feet, can be placed in an attic, crawl space or storage closet. For frame or brick homes, the heat or air conditioning would come from the AHU through small round supply outlets in the ceiling. For block homes it would be fed through the ceiling if the AHU was in the crawl space, or through bulkheads on the walls if the AHU were in a closet.

The AHU with heat pump would have the heat pump, which looks like an air conditioner located outside. The average initial cost would be \$8,081, with annual costs of \$314 for heat, \$189 for hot water, and \$412 for cooling.

The AHU with gas water heater would have the gas water heater located in a closet for frame and brick homes, and in a closed or crawl space in block homes. The gas water heater is a little larger than traditional hot water heaters. The average initial cost would be \$7,117, with annual costs of \$123 for heat, \$54 for hot water, and \$416 for cooling. This is the most economical system if both heating and air conditioning is desired.

Employee Benefits Changes

The board approved adding 4.2% to the overall budget for 1999 to cover costs for those employees whose performance merits an increase, the amount being dependent upon each performance appraisal. Ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars will also be placed in the 1999 budget for bonuses. The board also decided it will share in the cost of health insurance.

Member Requests

Permission was granted to erect an 8 foot by 8 foot pen next to a patio door using 5 foot high board-on-board privacy fencing so a member could have a sitting area for herself and her dogs, a small breed that can jump standard height fencing.

More information was presented concerning a member's proposal to combine an upper and lower apartment into one townhouse, with a request for a reduced co-op fee for the second unit. General Manager Gretchen Overdurff received a legal opinion that the bylaws and mutual ownership contract contain no legal impediments to reducing the number of homes from 1,600 to 1,599.

THEATER

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feature. Although popular, Sanchez said older movies are more expensive than the newer releases because he has to pay the transportation costs of the older, heavier films from California. She also asked that he contact the Historical Theater Society. Mayor Davis said he needed a support group to rally around the theater.

Owner's Threat

Sanchez said he did not know of George Christacos' intentions of cancelling his lease until he read it in the September 3 News Review.

"It might be a bluff," said Sanchez. "I don't know."

"Well, that won't be a surprise," said Mayor Davis.

"He's sort of stuck with it really," said Sanchez. "It would take \$2,000 to 3,000 to renovate. I don't think he would put his money into it. He would have to put sprinklers up. That's a lot of money and expensive."

Sanchez said despite Christacos' claim that he was four to five months behind in rent, as reported in the News Review, it was actually just two months he owed. Sanchez said he is withholding a portion of his rent to resolve a problem

She is looking into possible restrictions from zoning regulations.

Director Margaret Hogensen, chair of the finance committee, reported the committee recommended no reduction in monthly co-op fees for each of the two units, except possibly for trash collection, a city charge. Paul Sinner, director of finance, explained how combining the co-op fee for the second unit or decreasing the co-op fee for the second unit would complicate bookkeeping tasks.

The board will vote on this proposal at the October 1 meeting.

over his water bill that involves another tenant.

Sanchez took over the Old Greenbelt Theater in 1990 and paid \$350,000 for renovations and start up. The theater lost money from 1990 to 1994 and broke even in 1995. He lost \$2,000 in 1996. Profit and loss information is not available for 1997.

"I'm not making anything," he said. "If it wasn't a labor of love, I'd be gone."

Sanchez put an advertisement about the theater in the Valupak that was sent to Bowie, but it did not increase his clientele. Arch Campbell also featured the big-screen theater on the 6 p.m. news, but that, too, did not bolster his audience.

"It's very strange," he said. "We have a hard core following, but it's not big enough."

Sanchez said he gets fierce competition from the theaters at Beltway Plaza and that if things do not improve, he will move out of Old Greenbelt in December to avoid paying an accountant for a new tax year.

"I hope everyone realizes that I've run the theater the best I know how," said Sanchez, who also owns and operates theaters in New Carrollton, Gaithersburg, and Chestertown on the Eastern Shore at a profit.

City's Interest

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said he is interested in the city buying the theater and showing art films. In this scenario, Sanchez would sign a lease with the city. The city would rent his equipment, and he would manage the theater, Sanchez said.

"What I see is a recreation and performing arts center perhaps open on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday," said Councilmember Edward Putens.

But in order to do that, Sanchez said the screen would have to come out. Mayor Davis suggested an arts center.

"Our goal is to save the theater and to keep it in historic

Greenbelt," said Mayor Davis.

"If we own it, we can save it," said Councilmember Putens.

Theater's Value

"The theater is only second to the Co-op [Supermarket] to stabilize the center," said Councilmember Turnbull. "It affects resale value for GHI."

"The center has to be alive, healthy, and safe," he said. "I think we need to have a good idea of the center's worth."

Sanchez estimated the value between \$500,000 and \$600,000. Manzi said figures from the assessment roll would reveal this information, giving the replacement, market, and income value.

In any case, Sanchez would like to keep the theater open.

"I hope you can work something out," he told city council. "It would be a shame to see it go."

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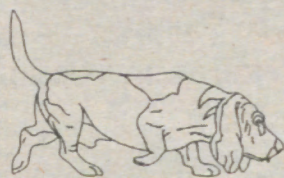
◆ Unit Conversion, 4E/4F Plateau Place

Action

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Drugs

20 block of Southway, Sept. 12, 12:35 a.m., an officer observed a woman leaning into a vehicle in the parking lot of a service station and believed a drug transaction was occurring. As the officer approached, the vehicle rapidly left the parking lot but the woman, a 28-year-old nonresident, was detained at the scene. She was found to be in possession of a hypodermic syringe and needle, a crack pipe, and glassine baggies. She was charged with possession of controlled dangerous substance paraphernalia and released on citation pending trial.

Financial Crime

5900 block of Greenbelt Road, Sept. 14, after a month-long investigation, a 31-year-old male nonresident was charged by warrant with uttering a false document, forgery of private documents, possession of payment device numbers (checking account numbers) not belonging to him, and possession of the same numbers with the intent to defraud. The criminal warrant was left with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office for service.

Sept. 9, 2:01 p.m., three juveniles fled on foot from one of the School Resource Officers at Eleanor Roosevelt High School towards the Spellman overpass. The officer responded to the area of Gardenway and Ridge Road, where he located one of the juveniles. The juvenile, a 16-year-old male nonresident, had no identification but was in possession of a stolen credit card. He was arrested for possessing a stolen credit card and returned to the school for being truant.

Unattended Children

100 block of Westway, Sept. 16, 10:01 p.m., a 35-year-old male resident was arrested after his children were left alone for an hour without supervision. All of the children were under the age of 13. He was released from the scene on criminal citation.

Burglary and Theft

Greenway Shopping Center, Sept. 11, 5:34 p.m., a woman entered a commercial establishment to send a fax. She removed an envelope containing currency from her purse, removed money from it to pay for the fax, but left the envelope on the counter when she left the business. When she returned a short time later, the envelope and currency were gone.

6100 block of Springhill Terrace, Sept. 11, 11:41 p.m., an unsecured woman's black Huffy bicycle was reported stolen from the patio of an apartment.

7800 block of Jacobs Drive, Sept. 12, 12:08 p.m., an unsecured men's green 26-inch GT bicycle was reported stolen from the rear of a residence.

7500 block of Mandan Road, Sept. 13, 2:56 a.m., a wreath was reported stolen from the front door of a residence.

9100 block of Springhill Lane, Sept. 14, 1:15 a.m., an unsecured black Murray mountain bike was reported stolen from the third-floor balcony of

an apartment. The victim observed the two thieves as they were fleeing the area.

6200 block of Springhill Court, Sept. 15, 12:30 p.m., a burglary was attempted via the front door of a residence.

7500 block of Greenway Center Drive, Sept. 15, 1:57 p.m., currency was reported stolen from an unlocked desk drawer in an office suite.

Trespassing

Beltway Plaza Mall, Sept. 11, 5:31 p.m., an 18-year-old male resident was observed inside the mall after being banned from the property. He was charged with trespassing on private property and released on citation pending trial.

Greenway Shopping Center, Sept. 12, a 37-year-old male nonresident was caught shoplifting in a retail establishment by employees. He was released but banned from the store. An officer responded and observed the suspect reenter the store. The man was charged with trespassing and released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

100 block of Lynnbook Court, Sept. 12, 12:14 a.m., pieces of exterior insulation were ripped from a residence and the screen to a window was cut.

14 to 16 courts of Ridge Road, Sept. 14, it was reported that approximately seven walkway lights have been broken out during the past month.

Lakeside Drive, Sept. 14, 2:50 p.m., a fence and a sidewalk were spray painted.

Vehicle Theft

7500 block of Mandan Road, Sept. 14, a 1994 green two-door Honda Civic, Maryland tags DGT 954, was stolen.

5900 block of Cherrywood Lane, Sept. 17, a 1988 gray Dodge Caravan, Maryland tags 985135M, was stolen.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of automobiles were reported in the following areas: 9100 block of Edmonston Court, 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace, 6900 and 7700 blocks of Hanover Parkway, 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace, and Beltway Plaza Mall.

Diabetes Program At Laurel Hospital

A four-session program to teach diabetics self-care will be offered once a month at Laurel Regional Hospital in Laurel. The October program will begin on October 3 at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration is necessary.

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Middle School Scene Of Male Intruder

According to Officer Britt Cave, on September 9, at approximately 1:57 p.m., the Greenbelt Police Department received a call regarding a suspicious individual at the Greenbelt Middle School. School Security advised officers that when several girls entered the locker room, one of the juveniles walked into the bathroom area. Cave noted that as she passed the shower enclosure, an adult male ran out of the shower. The suspect ran past the girls, up the stairs and exited the building. The suspect said nothing to the girls and none of the juveniles were injured.

The suspect is described as follows: a black male in his thirties, 6', 175 pounds, black hair and possibly with a goatee. He was wearing black sweat pants, a black sweatshirt with the hood over his head and black tennis shoes.

Later, when students learned about the incident, several youths told the School Resources Officer they had seen a man fitting that description across the road from the school. They said he was standing around a red or maroon car earlier that morning.

The Police Department surmises that the culprit apparently got in the building by an exterior door inadvertently left open or not properly closed. "It is important that students and parents alike not hesitate to call us if they see anything suspicious on school grounds," the Department states. "....We'd rather go and check someone who turns out to be innocent than to have to investigate a scene after something happens to one of our students," they added. Anyone with information regarding the incident may contact the Criminal Investigations Unit of the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-507-6530.



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Goddard Visitor Center is seeking Volunteers with a sincere interest in providing public service to visitors to act as tour guides, front desk information aides, office assistants and presentation assistants. On-the-job training and quarterly seminars are provided. Open House Community Day is September 27. For more information, call Darlene Ahalt at 301-286-9041.

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Military Reenactments At Marietta House

Military reenactments will take place at the Marietta House Museum on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Featured will be the Roman Legion XX and 100 Years War La Belle Compagnie Encampment.

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LIGHTS

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but said that it would likely be several years before the field could be improved.

Ivy argued that the city should not put taxpayers' money into a county owned facility. If lights are put on a 90-foot, county owned diamond, he stated, the county "will find a way to use it and I'll lose it." Councilmember Alan Turnbull assured Ivy that council would not fund lights at the school without a sound agreement governing use of the field.

In the end, council stayed with its original proposal — to put \$80,000 toward the installation of ballfield lights at Greenbelt Middle School.

Capital Projects Fund

In addition to the batting cage and ballfield lights, the ordinance makes several changes to the capital improvements budget approved earlier this year. Funds were added for improvements to the troublesome heating, ventilating and air conditioning system at the police station; street lights on Hanover Parkway from Greenspring to English Country

Manor and at Hunting Ridge, and work on the Buddy Attick Park master plan. Funding was increased for renovation of the firehouse, Roosevelt Center improvements and replacement of windows at the Community Center. Funds for street resurfacing were reduced.

Smith Property

City Manager Michael McLaughlin reported receiving notification from the mayor of Garrett Park, who is an employee of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, that the Metro board will be considering a proposal to negotiate the sale of property near the Greenbelt Metro station. No further information would be available, McLaughlin said, prior to the September 24 board meeting. However, if the motion to authorize the negotiation of a contract is approved, it will just be the start of at least a six-month process.

Computer System

The Finance Department has been researching new computer hardware and software. Six proposals were received and evaluated and the staff has selected Pentamation as its recommendation. The actual awarding of the

contract will be on the agenda at the September 28 council meeting. At this meeting, Bob Brown of Pentamation, told council a bit about the company and the type of software that would be proposed.

City Treasurer Jeff Williams said that the system would cost approximately \$225,000. This is significantly less than the cities of Bowie (nearly \$700,000) and College Park (over \$500,000) paid for their systems, he said. After site visits and analysis of the software, he told council that he and the finance department staff were "very comfortable" with Pentamation's proposal.

The \$18,000 annual maintenance and support costs will be significantly higher than the \$4,000 the city pays for its current system. However, the system will allow the city to do its payroll operations in-house, saving \$12,000 per year. He called the net increase "negligible."

Other Actions

Council agreed not to oppose a

liquor license for a new Ruby Tuesdays to be constructed on the site of the former Hawthorne's restaurant at Cipriano Square.

At the suggestion of Turnbull, council unanimously agreed to put the city on record as supporting a pledge supported by the Friends of the Earth organization. The pledge is to be sent to the federal government urging it to locate federal facilities in or near downtown areas of Washington, and not contribute to urban sprawl by placing such facilities in outer regions of the metropolitan area.

Council heard a report from Sandra Lange, president of Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM), describing how the group had met the council's challenge to match the \$2,500 earmarked for the group in the current year's budget (and asking council not to repeat the challenge next year). Lange said that the group had collected \$3,175.37 from a flea market, contributions, and dues. The city and FOGM

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Prince George's Community College will offer a French non-credit course beginning on October 8 in Greenbelt for those age 60 and older. For information, please call 301-397-2208 (Greenbelt Community Center) or 301-322-0056 (Prince George's Community College).

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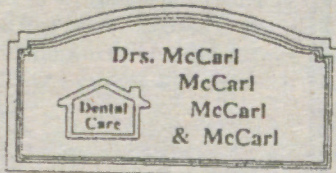


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A Review

Mousetrap's a Hit at Arts Center

by Altoria Bell Ross

Wholehearted laughter greeted the performers at the Greenbelt Arts Center while they played out "The Mousetrap," an Agatha Christie mystery, on September 18. Since 1952, "The Mousetrap" has been the longest continuously running play in London's history.

Despite opening night jitters that caused some performers to miss cues and talk over one another, good acting abounded. Heather Quinn showcased her impressive range of talents as the innkeeper, Mrs. Ralston. Greg Franseth imaginatively portrayed Mr. Ralston. This couple hosted a curious group of guests that included a murderer.

Keith Brown was animated and flamboyant when he stretched his eyes and raised his eyebrows to make his point as the Italian, Mr. Paravicini. He was funny. Brandon Cole portrayed the creepy Christopher Wren, with his hyena-like cackling and other quirks. He tickled the audience. Pamela Gill effectively played Mrs. Boyle as a

complaining drone.

Both Gail Gauldin, who acted out Miss Casewell, and Vern Roseman, who was Major Metcalf, played their roles with cool competence, partly due to their repeat performances: Gauldin in "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" and Roseman in "Bye Bye Birdie." Bob Kleinberg shook up the Ralstons and their guests with his interrogations as Detective Sergeant Trotter. His performance at the end of the play was credible.

Director Robert Thompson added an American flavor to the script. It is not clear whether the four-letter words in the play were his additions or Christie's doing. Nevertheless, they were sprinkled throughout the performance.

And what a fabulous place to perform. The new center is now the National Theater of Greenbelt. It has an actual stage, and set designer Mary Seng did a magnificent job in dressing it. Antique furniture graced the set that had functional doors, beautifully painted walls that accented the vibrant drapes, a fireplace with a

mantel, paintings, and candles.

Then Ryan Otero and Robert Vaccaro's use of lighting, especially from outside of the window, rendered a touch of realism. What an elegant setting for a whodunit.

Come and guess who the culprit is on September 25, 26, October 2, 3, 9, or 10 at 8 p.m. or September 27 or October 4 at 2 p.m.

Raffle Winner Named

The raffle at the GAVA (Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts) booth was won by Tom Baker, Greenbelt artist and member of GAVA's Board of Directors. Baker wins the opportunity to have a "portrait" of his home or another home painted by Dan Kennedy, resident studio artist at the Greenbelt Community Center. Kennedy painted the mural of Greenbelt houses that graced the front of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. booth, which won first prize for best decorated booth.

PARKSIDE

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Street Erosion

Doug Love of Plateau Place pointed out the steep slopes and erosive soils of the development and the potential for failure of streets and sidewalks. City Manager Michael McLaughlin said the streets were built to Prince George's County specifications, not to the more stringent city specifications, but that the city would be responsible for repairs if the street failed. He said erosion problems would, at least in theory, be the responsibility of the county. Carolyn Jones of Parkside said she had contacted the County Department of Environmental Services and had been assured that the slopes were stable.

Allita Irby asked about the formula used to determine the excess of income over costs. McLaughlin said the formula used quantifiable items only and has no way of quantifying the separation problem. He said he does not anticipate adding police or public works personnel but there will be an impact on deliv-

City Notes

The cleaning and storing of Labor Day Festival materials were completed.

A headstone was installed and several graves were backfilled at the cemetery.

Election signs were removed.

Undergrowth around Spellman Overpass was cleared for increased safety and visibility.

ery of services either immediately or over time.

Many citizens spoke for and against the annexation, most reiterating the foregoing reasons. Council discussed the need for a better estimate of street maintenance and other costs. This would entail core drilling and the checking of county specifications. Parkside residents emphasized their strong spirit of cooperation and volunteerism and their desire to be part of Greenbelt.

Both Parkside and Greenbelt residents were complimented by Mayor Davis for their participation and they were further encouraged to be present when a decision is made on the annexation, now scheduled for September 28.



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